

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 311

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gaye Dale, on her selection as Tennessee Teacher of the Year at Prescott Central Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Gaye Dale is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dale has recently been selected as Tennessee Teacher of the Year at Prescott Central Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Gaye Dale received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Tennessee Technological University; she will receive her Master of Arts in Educational Psychology and Counselor from TTU in May of 2007; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Prescott Central Middle School, since 2000; prior to her employment there, Ms. Dale taught both sixth grade and kindergarten at Volunteer Christian Academy from 1985 to 1990, and she taught kindergarten at Grace Christian School from 1982 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Ms. Dale is a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Putnam County Education Association, the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools, and the Tennessee Association of School Counselors; and

WHEREAS, Gaye Dale lends her time and professional talents to her school in numerous ways, including participating in the New Teacher Mentoring Program, teaching musical keyboarding skills to students enrolled in Prescott's after school LEAPS program, and serving as a member of the Special Education Support team, CARE team, and Social Studies

and Science committees; Ms. Dale also helped counselors start a club for students whose parents were deployed to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, for her meritorious service to Prescott Central Middle School, Ms. Dale was honored by her colleagues as Teacher of the Month; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, she received a Fulbright Memorial Grant for a six-week trip to Japan, where she visited several different schools, technology institutes, and museums; she used that experience to share the Japanese culture with her middle school students; and

WHEREAS, Gaye Dale is an active and devout member of her church, where she serves as the pianist, a youth camp counselor, and a participant in the Ladies Ministry; she has taught Sunday School for the past twenty-five years and Vacation Bible School for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dale contributes to her community in numerous other ways, including serving as a pianist at the Overton County Nursing Home and helping with fundraisers for the local volunteer fire department; she also coached a girls' volleyball team and a girls' basketball team in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Gaye Dale works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dale serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Gaye Dale truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Gaye Dale on being chosen as Tennessee Teacher of the Year at Prescott Central Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.